



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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June, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

(US and Canada)

Topic:

Ridglea Worship Service

Time: 10:30 AM Central Time

Every week on Sunday, until

Jul 21, 2024

June 2, 2024 10:30 a.m.

June 9, 2024 10:30 a.m.

June 16, 2024 10:30 a.m.

June 23, 2024 10:30 a.m.

June 30, 2024 10:30 a.m.

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Meeting ID: 875 7535 3065

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We will celebrate the sacrament of Communion Sunday morning, June 2, 2024

ECLECTIC CAFÉ SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Eclectic Café Sunday School

Zoom code is 661 636 9082.

No password required; Attendees will be admitted from the waiting room.

The Eclectic Class began a study of Free Will a couple of weeks ago and will continue that for a few more. The leaders are Lynne Payne, Thylis Chambless, and Marsha West. We have at least two more sessions, depending on how much we discuss this intriguing subject. Please bring your questions and comments and join us in the Eclectic Class.

"THE GATHERING"

Our Multi-Generational Sunday School class led by Paul Duncan has begun a new series. It is called "Live Your Values." The exercise is thought provoking, not judgmental. Please come be part of the group. All Are Welcome! We plan to meet throughout the summer.

Mission/Vision statement

Following our Savior's example, Ridglea Presbyterian Church strives to perform acts of compassion and inclusivity in our daily lives while seeking to grow in spirit and hope.

SESSION MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
JUNE 20, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

JUNE NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

PASTOR'S NOTES

A Moment or Three



Being “the new pastor” in town meant being the one who preached at the community Thanksgiving service, hosted by the Baptists that first November in ministry, and also being the one who spoke at the Memorial Day service at the local cemetery in May. There were four other pastors participating in the Thanksgiving service alongside the new pastor, but all of those old-timers assured the newbie that Memorial Day was a solo event – except, they didn’t share that information until late April. When the new pastor realized they would be “on their own” at the end of May, there was a moment or three that crept toward anxiety. Thanksgiving is one of those holidays that school children talk about every year, for weeks on end, so even the newest pastor has a wheelbarrow of knowledge about the Mayflower and the Pilgrims and Native Americans and turkeys and maize and giving thanks and so on. Memorial Day was little more than the “last holiday” before the end of the school year, so there was not nearly as much to draw upon. Hence, the moment or three that crept toward anxiety.

What does a pastor say, or do, at a Memorial Day gathering, standing in a field of tombstones? Surely it is different than a graveside funeral? Surely it is less a celebration, and more of a ... what? The new pastor could count on one hand the number of family members – fathers, grandfathers, uncles, cousins, siblings – who had been in the military in the past sixty-plus years, so there weren’t any family stories to draw upon either. Another moment or three that crept toward anxiety.

Before search engines and the internet and social media, finding answers to questions like this meant either talking to people with experiences, or going to the library, or both. So, the new pastor reached out to other pastors, and to mentors, and to a few seasoned church members for their insights and suggestions and helpful hints. A handful of hours were spent in a local library and a few books were borrowed. Hours and hours of information were whittled down and down and down for this gathering, this community event, set in the solemnity of tombstones.

Expecting forty or even fifty people at the cemetery, the pastor was surprised when the crowd turned out to be fourteen, including their spouse and two children. More and more whittling, because forty people might sit through forty minutes of prayers and scripture and homily and benediction and such, but a dozen people – including four- and eight-year old’s – they need a smaller portion of appreciation. Another moment or three that crept toward anxiety.

An opening prayer, a few paragraphs about the post-Civil War roots of the celebration, then a poem about the lingering grief from that war: *The Blue and the Gray* by Francis Miles Finch. Some reflections on community, and faith, and hope, and service, and then one more poem: *Warm Summer Sun* by Mark Twain. Then a benediction. One of the older gentlemen approached the new pastor with a handshake and said that was mighty fine, mighty fine, and appreciated the brevity of the service – not quite fifteen minutes. The gentleman’s wife said “now, don’t you be teasing our pastor!” and the gentleman said there was no teasing intended, quite the contrary. He looked at the young pastor and said, “There was a speech given at Gettysburg that went on for over two hours, and no one cared to remember what was said. Then Abraham Lincoln stood and spoke for less than five minutes and no one dared to forget what was said.”

Decades later, the no-longer-new pastor appreciates the traditions and scope of Memorial Day, and still finds solace in the forlorn imagery of that century-old poem by Francis Miles Finch. Reflecting on the aftermath of war, Finch writes: “under the sod and the dew/ waiting the judgment day/ under the laurel, the Blue/ under the willow, the Gray.” In one of his letters, the apostle Paul writes “there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, for all are one in Christ.”

As a nation, we take time to remember those who have given their lives in service to our country, with equal honor. As a community of faith, we take time to remember the resurrection of the One who lives in service to the realm of God, so that glory will be known to all; a living memorial, a moment or three, of grace.

Peace,



Making contact...

Ridglea Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is governed by the Session, an elected body composing of elders and pastors. Our committees, led by elders, oversee our ministries. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Email: Clerk@RidgleaPres.org. Our deacons oversee our ministries of care and compassion. Email: Deacons@RidgleaPres.org

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<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
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Mary Beth Wagner	Durinda Walker	Reeve Van Nostrand

Clerk of Session: Karen Landon

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2022-2023 RPC DEACONS
Lynne Payne - Moderator
Kit Van Nostrand—Home Member Care Coordinator
Ruth Ann Rinewalt—Hospital Care Coordinator
Dean Phillips – Hospital Care Coordinator
Jean Godfrey – Funeral Reception Coordinator
Jo VanOosterhout
Glenna Cleworth

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RPC 2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Name	College	2024 Scholarships
Jackson Deary	University of Arkansas	Capt. Thomas C. Smith Memorial
Zoe Martin	University of Texas at San Antonio	Nancy Thompson-Felix Memorial
Madelyn Register	Tarleton State University	Jack and Robbie A. Wilson Memorial Scholarship
Noah Boyd Zimmermann	Blinn College	Dorothy and Ed Chandler Scholarship
Mandalynn Godfrey	Tarleton State University	O'Neal Family Scholarship
Ashley Anderson	DePaul University	RPC General Scholarship
Michaela Register	Concorde Career College Grand Prairie	Given/Grant Scholarship
Jose Quintero	Tarrant County College	Glenn and Pamela Bradbury Memorial Scholarship
Jae Medlin	Texas Christian University	Matt LeBlanc Scholarship
Megan Travis	Liberty University	Floyd and Dottie Melton Memorial Scholarship
Jadyn Martin	McMurry University	Carrie C. Bast Memorial Scholarship
Estella Rodriguez	Texas Christian University	Presbyterian Women of Ridglea Scholarship



Many of us know the blessings of having fellow church members pray for us and others. Prayer Request items are distributed to a list maintained by PWR. Anyone who would like to be added to this distribution list should call the Church office. Anyone who has a prayer request can send the information to Ruth Ann Rinewalt at r.rinewalt@att.net.



We need ushers, communion servers, and liturgists for Sundays during the 2024 year of worship. Please volunteer to help with the Sunday morning worship service. Also, if you signed up for a particular Sunday and something comes up, please contact Durinda Walker at 817-229-9880 in order to fill those positions. Sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49a4ae2ea3f85-ushers1>

YOUTH...RPC

CHILDREN AND YOUTH **JUNE '24** **CALENDAR**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	Emily finishes the Camino de Santiago 8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Fathers Day Celebration 16	17	18	19	20	21	Youth Pool Party @ The Little's 3 pm - 6 pm 22
Fellowship Luncheon 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Youth Games 12 pm - 2 pm 30						

RPC 2024 GRADUATES

Jadyn Martin,
Estella Rodriguez
Ketsia Disuma





Matthew 25 Action Team



Book Club met Tuesday, May 28 at 6 pm for sack supper and discussed the book **THE FALSE WHITE GOSPEL** by Jim Wallis. We'd recommend you taking a look at this book.

Movies That Matter at the Modern on June 6 at 7 pm. A group of us will meet for supper at 5:30 at McCallister's on Camp Bowie before attending The Modern to view the movie **THE FREEDOM TO MARRY** which begins at 7 pm. You should

plan to get your own **FREE TICKET** at <http://www.fortworthtexas.gov/Diversity-inclusion>

Please contact Marsha West 817-235-5217 if you will be joining us. The movies we've seen have all been well done and thought provoking.

Members of our Action Team provided breakfast at Luella Merrett for the volunteers for the school's Career Day on Monday, May 20.

We also met at Quail Trail (a community of recently homeless folks) on Friday May 17 to help with the TAFB food distribution.

The next opportunity to help with the TAFB distribution at Quail Trial will be Friday, June 21. Please let Lynne Payne or Marsha West know if you can come.

These are actions we take for the least of these for Jesus' sake, acting out the verses of Matthew 25. We are honored to be a part of this work. All are welcome.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH



The RPC Women are collecting quarters in the Narthex after service every second Sunday of the month to assist Westaid.

Remember Our Home Members



On the first and second Sunday of each month, beautiful note cards will be available for RPC members to send to our "Home" members. Following worship service, these cards will be in white baskets in the Narthex on a first come basis.

Just Bring It – June 2024



We will be collecting school supplies for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS)—more information to follow. We are also collecting unused 2024 calendars for DRC. We continue to collect items for WestAid on an **ongoing basis**. There is a labeled box near the office for donations of toiletries, sanitary products, and food.



Wednesday mornings
8:30 a.m.

Central Market– Upstairs

The men's prayer breakfast has been a vital part of Ridglea's mission and ministry for decades. We enjoy a hearty breakfast and pray for people and events around the world.



The Jam Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday in the Sanctuary from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Lots of bluegrass, folk, Americana and country music is shared with acoustic (unamplified) instruments.

Musicians of all skills are encouraged!

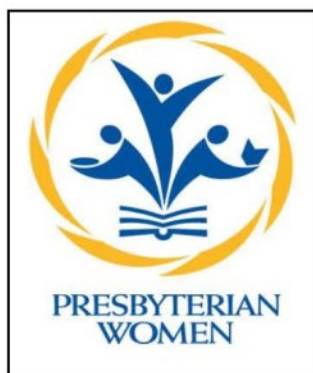


Coffee and hot tea are now available in the Gathering Room on Sunday mornings! Please help yourself! There is an air pot with hot water along with assorted tea bags to make a cup of hot tea. There are regular and decaf coffee k-cups, as well as sugar, artificial sweeteners, and creamer to make a cup of coffee. To make coffee, you lift the top of the coffee maker, insert a k-cup, and close the lid. Then set a cup under the nozzle and press the 'BREW' button. There is a donation box at the coffee station. While there is not a charge for coffee or tea, if you would like to help cover the cost of the supplies, donations are appreciated.

Congregational Meeting



The session has called a congregational meeting for June 2, for the purpose of electing persons to fill vacancies on the session of the board of trustees. The meeting takes place immediately after the service of worship.



Circle Meeting Times:

Circle 1: June 11th at Church (Fish Classroom) 10:30 a.m. (Lesson 8)

Circle 2: June 18th at Church (Eclectic Café) 10:30 a.m. (Fleece blanket making)

Circle 3: June 4th at La Playa Maya Restaurant 6:30 p.m. (Social time)

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Looking Ahead:

Bible Study for 2024-2025: Our PWR Bible Study beginning next fall is "Let Justice Roll Down." If you need a copy of the workbook, please contact your circle leader or Katrina Little by June 15.

If you currently are not in an RPC PWR Circle, contact Katrina Little. All women are welcome!

Card Game: Ann Sheets will teach us how to play the card game 5 Crowns (a five-suited rummy-style card game) on Monday, June 3rd from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Both women and men are invited!

Card Making: Back by popular demand! On June 25th, Ruth Ann Rinewalt will guide us in creating beautiful greeting cards to send to RPC Home Members and others we love. Ruth Ann will provide materials, and you can also bring your own to share. Meet us in the Eclectic Café.

Chair Yoga: Instructor Ginger Humber will guide us for 30-40 minutes of Chair Yoga on Wednesday, June 19th at 12:30 p.m. Donations of \$5 are encouraged to cover the cost.

Gifts of Women Sunday: We will celebrate Gifts of Women Sunday on September 15, 2024. This day includes installation of PWR officers and a church-wide fellowship luncheon.



Despite the torrential winds and rain, we had a good turnout for our PWR annual closing luncheon on May 28th. The tables were delightfully decorated by Kit Van Nostrand. Many thanks to Lynne Payne for leading us in Bunco! Our winners were Julie Ritz, Sue Guthrie, Jeanne Owens, Thylis Chambless, and Becky Williamson. PWR Moderator Katrina Little expressed appreciation to the PWR Coordinating Committee. All officers have agreed to return next year.



COME JOIN US!
June 1, 2024 6:00 p.m.
Dinner or Lunch With Friends
(1st Saturday of the month)

Gather in groups of 6 to 8 or more to enjoy a meal and fellowship at the host's home or a local restaurant. The Fellowship Committee will coordinate registration and organizing the Friends Groups. Groups will differ from month to month.

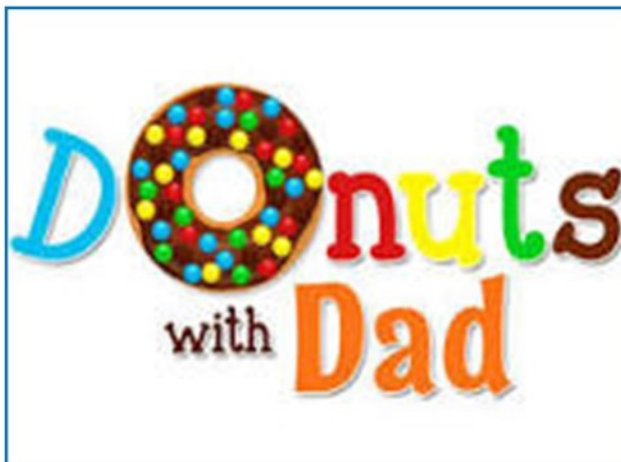
We coordinate groups that meet for lunch as well as dinner. You may now indicate if you would like to participate in a lunchtime option.

Please consider being a host:

If you agree to host in your home, you decide what entree you would like to serve and ask the assigned members of your Friends Group to bring side dishes to complement the meal.

If you agree to host in a restaurant, simply make a reservation at the restaurant of your choice. Then notify the members of your assigned Friends Group of the restaurant and reservation time. Dinner in a restaurant will be dutch treat.

Please remember, if you attended or hosted, send pictures to the church office for the Newsletter.



In addition to Sunday School, please plan to join us for "Donuts with Dad" on June 16th in the Gathering Area from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in celebration of all fathers, past, present and future.



See details and register on Realm for these upcoming events:

Event:	Date:	Register By:	Information:
June Lunch or Dinner With Friends	June 1st	Sunday, May 26th	Dinner or groups are available
June Fellowship Luncheon	June 23rd (moved to 4th Sunday as Father's Day is on June 16)	Wednesday June 19th	Fellowship will provide the entire meal this month. Menu will include spiral sliced ham, sides, dessert, tea and lemonade.
Fellowship Outing: Dinner and Theater in Granbury	Saturday, June 29th	Sunday, June 9th	See the matinee production of <u>Newsies The Musical</u> at Granbury Opera House followed by dinner in Granbury. Details are in Realm.

Mark your calendars for events coming soon:

Event:	Date:
July Dinner With Friends	Saturday, July 6th
July Fellowship Lunch	Sunday, July 21st

**YOUR SESSION INVITES YOU TO
FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS:**

- 1. FIND YOUR PASSION**
- 2. FIND YOUR TEAM/COMMITTEE**
- 3. IDENTIFY YOUR MEETING NIGHT**
- 4. GET INVOLVED!**

2nd Sunday of the Month
June 9, 2024 **11:45 a.m.**
Board of Deacons: Focus on Members
Lynne Payne, Moderator

2nd Tuesday of the Month
June 11, 2024 **6:15 p.m.**
Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing
Susan Everts, Chair

1st Tuesday of the Month
June 4, 2024 **7:00 p.m. & Zoom**
Fellowship Team: Focus on Social Gatherings
Beth Duncan, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
June 12, 2024 **5:30 p.m.**
Commitment Team: Focus on Guests
Mary Fisher, Chair

1st Wednesday of the Month
June 5, 2024 **5:30 p.m.**
Worship Team:
Focus on Sunday & Special Services
Durinda Walker, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
June 12, 2024 **6:30 p.m.**
Building & Equipment :
Focus on Physical Structures
George Tischler, Chair

1st Thursday of the Month
June 6, 2024 **6:00 p.m.**
Personnel: Focus on Staff Support
George Tischler, Chair

2nd Thursday
(week prior to Session Meeting)
6:00 p.m. - Zoom
Finance & Budget: Focus on Stewardship
Reeve Van Nostrand, Chair

2nd Tuesday of the Month
June 11, 2024 **6:00 p.m.**
Outreach Team: Focus on Mission
Marji Raunikar, Chair

3rd Thursday of the Month
June 20, 2024
7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom
Session Meeting
Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator

Clerk of Session
Karen Landon



June, 2024 Birthdays

Mac Zimmerman	6	4
Walter D uecase	6	4
Bob Ballard	6	6
Caroline Maas	6	6
Tabitha Hand	6	9
Kit Van Nostrand	6	12
Caroline Baethge	6	14
Nancy Staples	6	19
Patricia Taber	6	19
Jane Johnson	6	22
Wayne Stubbeman	6	23
Kathy Braudway	6	25
Isabel Quintero	6	26
Melissa Quintero	6	26
Jose Quintero	6	27
Dale Bench	6	29
Bruce Sandford	6	30

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

The next
 newsletter
 deadline
 will be
 June 20, 2024
 at noon.